

City of Mt. Vernon

Sanitary Smoke Test Notice

Beginning the week of September 25, 2006, the City will be working with the engineering firm of M. D. Wessler & Associates to perform smoke testing on select portions of the sanitary sewer. The evaluation is part of a study to reduce rainfall and groundwater from entering the sanitary sewer system. If you are receiving this notice, chances are your area will be involved in the said testing.

Smoke testing involves blowing harmless smoke into parts of the sanitary sewer system to determine the location of leaks. M. D. Wessler & Associates will be conducting the tests on or after Monday, September 25, through a minimum of October 13, but rainy weather may delay testing for several days.

Under normal circumstances, **if the plumbing is working properly**, the smoke used to conduct this test should not enter your house. You may see smoke coming from the vents on the roof of your home. **This is normal.** When smoke does enter a home, it often enters through fixtures which are not routinely used. Therefore, **we request that you run water for a minute or two through all of your fixtures and floor drains when you receive this notice to ensure all traps are full of water.**

Smoke used for this test is manufactured specifically for this application. The smoke is non-toxic and non-staining. It has a slight oily odor but is clean and harmless to pets, food, and material goods. Any smoke that happens to enter your house should clear in a few minutes if you open the doors and windows.

We appreciate your cooperation because this testing is an important tool necessary to evaluate the sanitary sewer system.

If you have specific questions or concerns, you may call the following individuals:

Brian Mundy, Project Manager
M. D. Wessler & Associates (812) 475-1690

Rodney Givens, Sewer Dept. Superintendent
City of Mt. Vernon (812) 838-3396

Thank you again for your cooperation.